Today's Squads

NORTHERN SPIRIT	NEWCASTLE BREAKERS
1. John Perosh	1. Bob Catlin
2. Robert Enes	2. Shane Price
3. Matthew Langdon	3. Andrew Roberts
4. Matthew Bingley	4. Adam Sanderson
5. Mark Rudan	5. Todd Mcmanus
6. Luke Casserly	6. Glenn Sprod
7. Robbie Slater (Cpt)	7. Travis Dodd
8. Tony Perinich	8. Mark Wilson
9. David Seal	9. Chris Tancheski
10. Clayton Zane	10. John Buonavoglia
11. Troy Cranney	11. Luke Tomich
12. Simon Catanzaro	12. Robert Angievski
13. Phil Moss	13. Brad Wieczorek
14. Shane Lyons	14. Greg Owens
15. Tony Faria	15. Joshua Ferguson
16. Dean Culina	16. Vasko Trpcevski
17. Paul Bilokapic	17. Paul Wheeler
18. Paul Wearne	18. Andrew Harper
19. Graham Arnold (Coach)	19. Chad Mansley
20. Jess Van Stratten	20. Bradley Swancott
21. Michael Cunico	21. Peter Juhniewicz
22. Paul Henderson	22. Glenn Moore
23. Adam Snyder	Coach: Lee Sterrey
24. Elvis Olic	
25. Ryan Griffiths	Referee: MATHEW BREEZE
26. Jack Sobczyk	Assistant refs: ALEX SPIROSKI and MICHAEL COLLINS
27. Adam Griffiths	
28. Ian Crook	4th official: BRETT HUGO

Spirit of the Game

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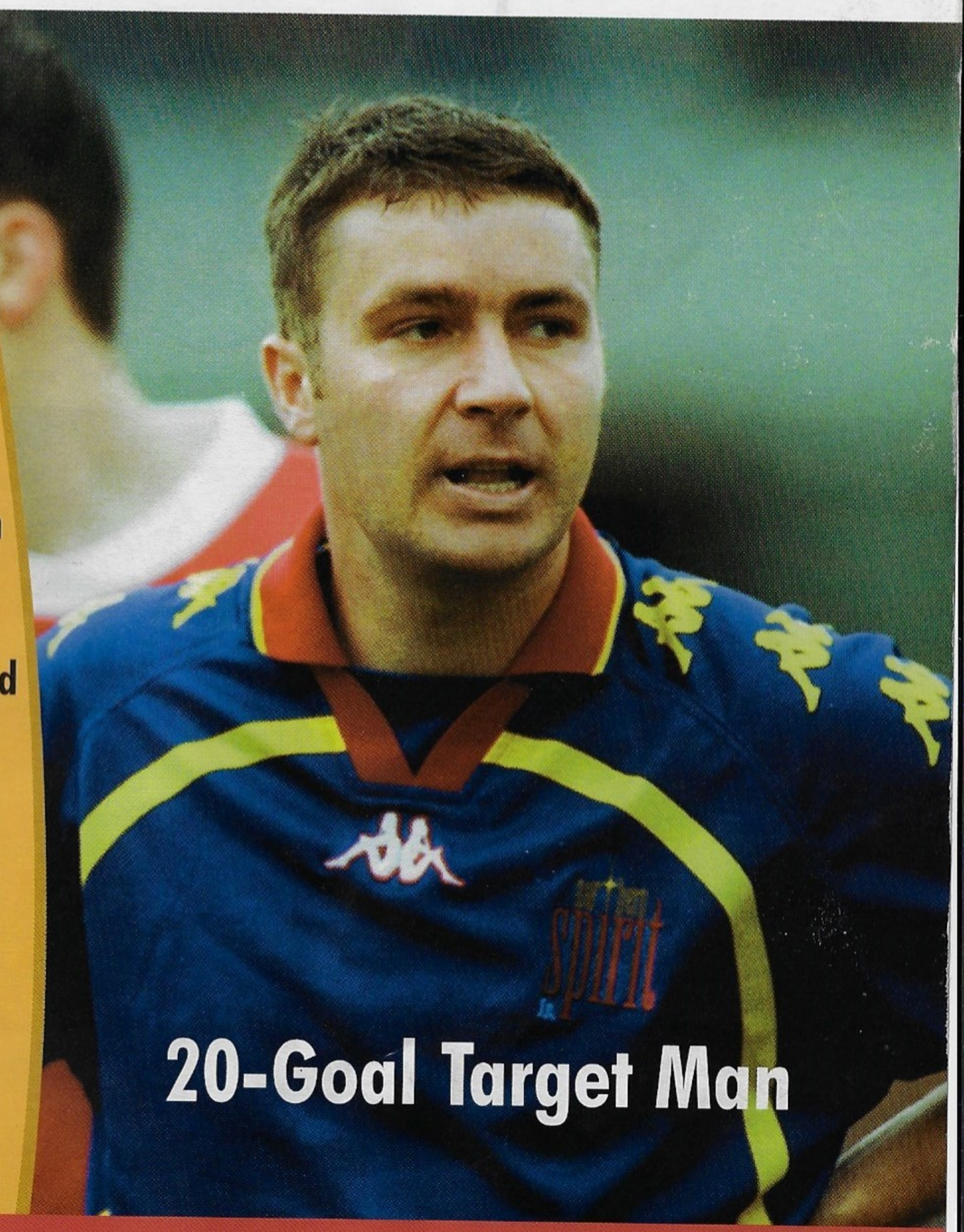

Bikies *Rev-up* for Spirit's new season

United demolished in away victory

David Seal SCORES on debut

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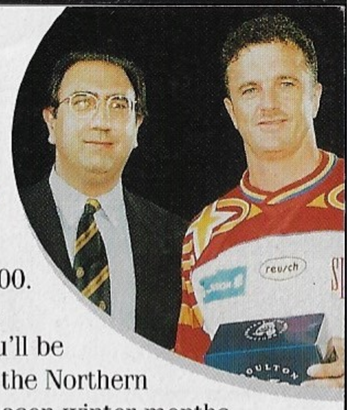

Welcome back. Here comes1999-2000. For those of you who weathered the rollercoaster ride of last season, you'll be aware of the expectation resting on the Northern Spirit Football Club. Over the pre-season winter months there have been some positive changes at the club.

Among them is the addition of David Seal our new signing from Northampton Town in England. He graces the cover of this programme. David announced at our season launch (page 5) that he set himself the target of 20 goals this season. So he has proved as good as his word and scored on his debut against Sydney United, two weeks ago (pages 12-13). Let's hope he provides the rest over the course of the campaign.

Our backroom staff have been beavering away at the club HQ in Ridge Street to build on the success of our first season.

We've introduced our membership package (pages 7-10), as well as a new kit sponsor, Kappa, and a new website located at www.northernspirit.com.au (page 4).

One thing that hasn't changed is Arnie (pictured with Remo above). He'll be head coach again this season, though I'm not sure we'll see so much of him on the pitch. To make up for it, he is introducing a crop of exciting youngsters, some of which have graduated up through the Colts and youth teams, and may just break into the first team during the coming season.

We're looking for a big finish to this season – setting our sights on a Grand Final win in May. I hope you'll be coming along for the ride! **Remo Nogarotto**

If you all love Spirit clap your hands and contact Northern Spirit Supporters Club to join in with matchday entertainment or to find out about travel arrangements for State and interstate away games (infoline 8250 4004).

The supporters club also organises open-days and other Northern Spirit events for fans.

Phone Julian Floyd on 0411 028 765 or visit the supporters club web-site: www.spirit.life.nu

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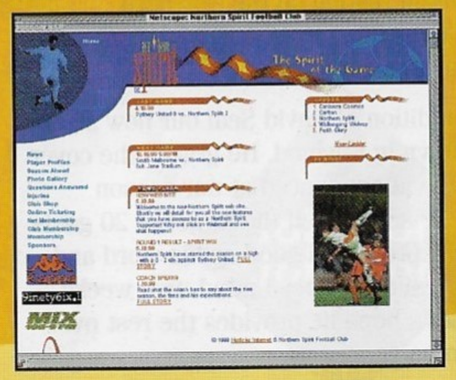
If those gaps between Northern Spirit games just get too unbearable, thereís no reason to miss out any more.



The new Northern Spirit website has launched on the worldwide web, to provide comprehensive coverage of the coming season.

The site will be up-dated as news on Northern Spirit comes in. The site will be up-dated on all new occurrences at the club, including results, transfers, comments from Arnie, and information on tickets and the season ahead.

Find out the very latest developments at Northern Spirit by visiting the new-look Northern Spirit site.

General information on the club and individual players, and player photos are also available, as well as info on the club shop and the sponsors for this season.

The site also plans to provide a "Questions Answered" facility, through which fans can ask and have questions about the club answered directly through e-mail.

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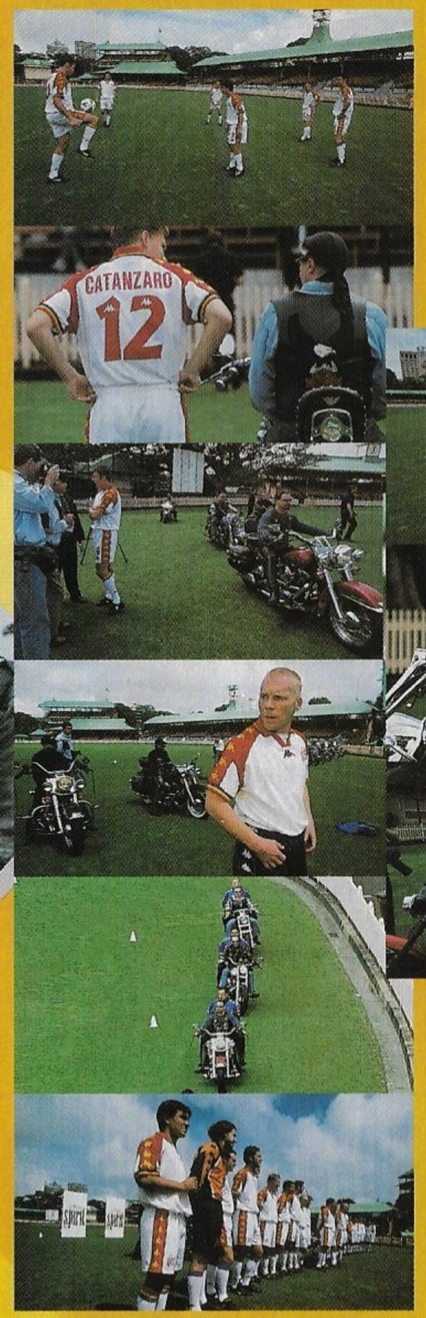
Arnie's Angels

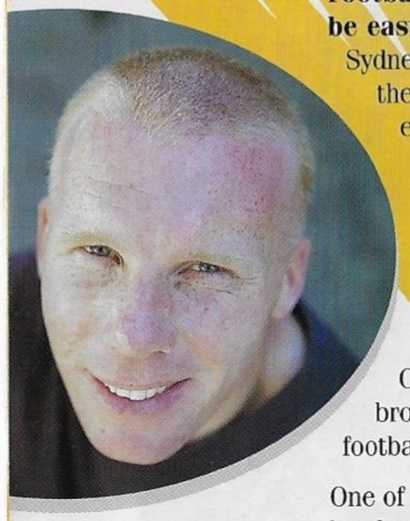


The pre-season tranquility of North Sydney Oval crashed with an ear-splitting roar when the Northern Spirit squad rocked up to the club's launch for the 1999-2000 on the back of classic road bikes.

While the riders kept with their leathers, bandanas, mirror shades, long hair and beards, the players arrived on the back of the bikes in their smart new Kappa strips.

After a circuit of the hallowed turf, they dismounted in front of an astonished media horde - including TV, radio and press - and unveiled their new look.

Let's look to the future



Robbie Slater makes his Captain's Call

Football was never meant to be easy. It felt great to win against Sydney United in the first game of the season even though everybody expected us to win easily, we still and to go out there and do it. But South Melbourne, the reigning champions, were always going to be a different proposition.

Our two-nil loss really brought home the hard facts of football to our boys.

One of the most encouraging signs has been the early form of Matthew Langdon.

We've had him working on his crossing for the whole pre-season, and I think he has realised what he is capable of. He set up both the goals in the United match and was singled out for special attention by the Souths defence, which shows he has become a recognisable danger man.

It was great to see Sealy get his first goal of the season in his first match. He has said he would get 20 goals this season and if he can score a goal a game, he'll get there, and much more. He had only trained for one week prior to the first game, following minor surgery. Which is why he had to ask Arnie to bring him off after he scored.

This season, we've altered our style of play. We don't play with a Number 10 any more and we have two out-and-out wide men, but it's difficult to tell how well it's going to work at this early stage.

The younger guys coming in have shown good promise and we can look to big things from them in the future, which is good news, because myself, Arnie and Crooky aren't getting any younger!

We've got an excellent spirit in the changing room and some great characters Crooky the east Londoner, with his stories and jokes, Clayton Zane's the practical joker, Tony Perinich, he's a funny lad, but he doesn't realise it himself.

Even though we've had a mixed start to the campaign and there's certainly going to be some tough times ahead, I'm sure there'll be plenty of good times too.

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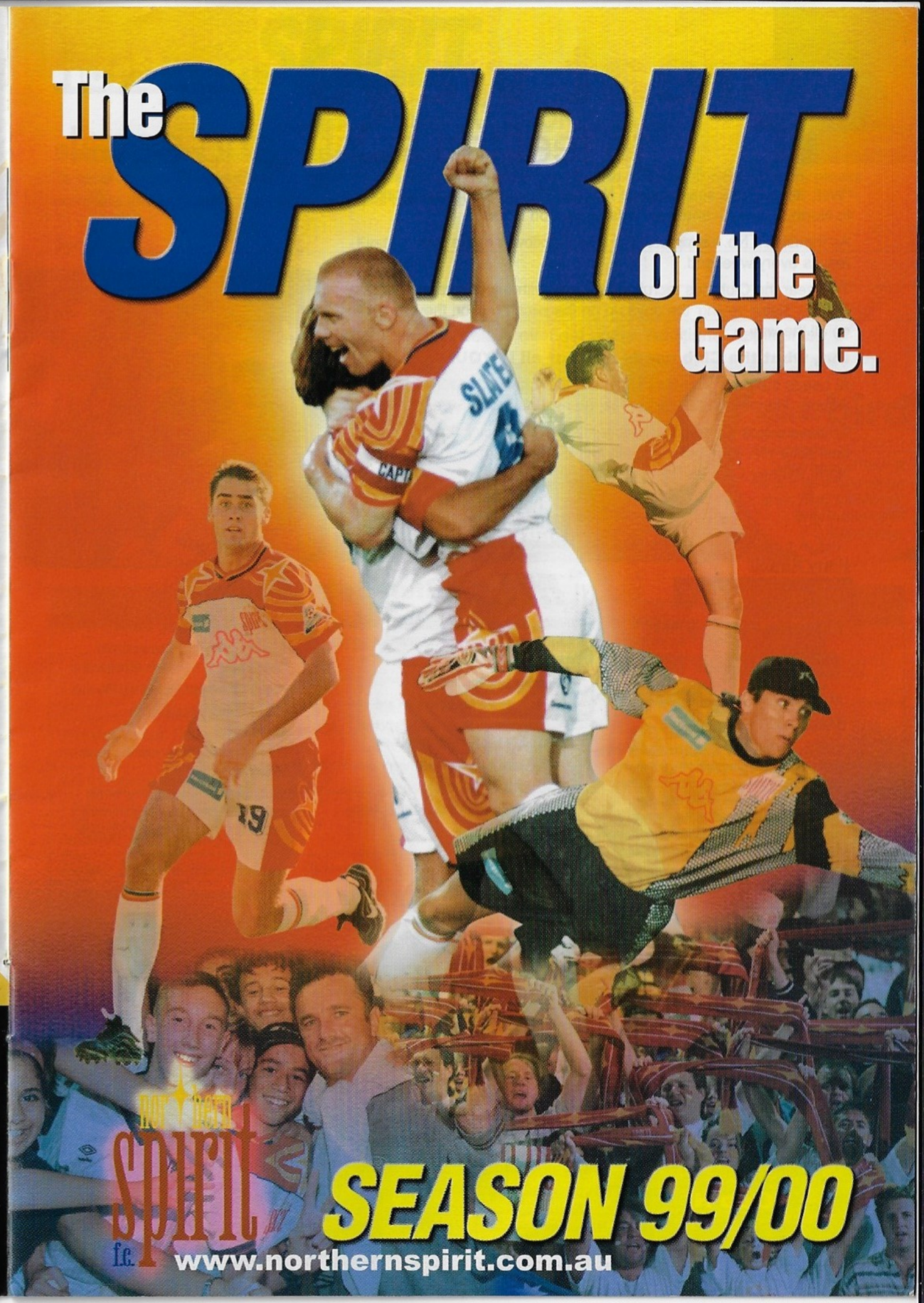

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Harry Kewell

spirit offer no.1

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- Get 12 months free Club membership - 'Mix 106.5FM Club Spirit' for adults or '96.1 FM Club H' for kids.
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spirit offer no.2

The 8 Game Spirit Pass

The 8 Game Spirit Pass allows you to attend your choice of any 8 home games during the season at half the price of the full Season Pass. It's the ultimate combination of flexibility and economy.

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is a separate cost.

Membership conditions apply.

spirit offer no.3

MIX 106-5 FM 'Club Spirit'

is the Club for adult members. It's free to Season Pass holders. Otherwise it's great value for just $45.

Member benefits include:

- Personalised Membership Card.
- Admission to Post Match Function at home games with the players.
- Invitation to special "Members Only Day".
- Kappa/Northern Spirit Cap.
- Northern Spirit Fridge Magnet listing all home fixtures.
- Northern Spirit Bumper Sticker.
- Opportunity to purchase exclusive Northern Spirit Member's Merchandise.
- Regular correspondence from the club
- 10% Discount on mail-order Merchandise.
- Priority booking at our end of season "Presentation Night".
- PLUS the Club is negotiating for big savings for members at entertainment venues and retail stores. Details soon!

spirit offer no.4

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Hurry and join the Northern Spirit's newest membership club, 'Club H'. Tailored exclusively for supporters under the age of 17yrs, it features the two biggest 'H's in Australian Soccer - Harry Kewell and Paul Henderson. It's free to Season Pass holders. It offers great value for just $25.

You get:

- Personalised Membership Card
- Chances to be a Mascot at one of 16 home games.
- Admission to Post Match Function at home games with the players.
- Invitation to special "Members Only Day".
- Kappa/Northern Spirit Water Bottle.
- 10% Discount on all Northern Spirit Camps and Academies.
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Season 99/00 booking form

Season Pass (includes FREE Membership)

To reserve your Season Pass for home games at North Sydney Oval for the 1999/2000 NSL Season, please complete this form including payment details over the page.

Surname: First name: D.O.B: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address:

Phone home: work: email:

If more than one applicant please enter complete details overleaf under 'Additional Applicants'

☐ I am a Grandstand Season Pass holder and wish to renew my seats

Please state your seat number/s from last season:

Renewals must be received by 17.9.99 to retain the same seat as last season.

☐ I am a General Admission Season Pass Holder and wish to renew

☐ I am a new application for a Season Pass
If Grandstand please indicate if you would like:

☐ Row 1-4 (unsheltered)

☐ Row 5 onwards (sheltered)

early bird offer!

Anyone who purchases a Season Pass before Friday 17 Sept '99 will go in the draw to win one of two "Team Autographed" '99/00 Northern Spirit Kappa jerseys.

Ticket Type (option 1 + 2)	Price Per Ticket	Cost saving over 16 games	Cost saving including price of Free Membership	Quantity required	Amount
Adult - G/Stand	$263.20 *	$60.00	$105.00		
Concession - G/Stand (includes Under 17 as at 31/12/99, Full-time Students, Pensioners)	$163.20 *	$80.00	$125.00 or $105.00		
Adult - Gen Admiss.	$163.20*	$32.00	$77.00		
Concession - Gen Admiss. (includes U17 as at 31/12/99, Full-time Students & Pensioners)	$83.20*	$0.00	$45.00 or $25.00		
Adult - 8 Game Spirit Pass - G/Stand	$133.20*				
Concession - 8 Game Spirit Pass - G/Stand	$83.20*				
Adult - 8 Game Spirit Pass - Gen Admiss.	$83.20*				
Concession - 8 Game Spirit Pass - Gen Admiss.	$43.20*				
8 Game Spirit Pass does not guarantee same seat for each game. Tickets will be allocated on a best available basis.			**TOTAL**	$	

*Cost includes $3.20 Ticketek booking fee.

8 game Spirit Pass

Please tick the 8 Home Games you wish to attend from the following 16 options. Please note that no exchange is possible after tickets have been issued.

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8	Perth Glory	Fri	14.1.00	☐
9	Carlton	Wed	26.1.00	☐
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13	Gippsland	Fri	24.3.00	☐
14	Melb Knights	Fri	7.4.00	☐
15	Canberra	Thur	20.4.00	☐
16	Parra Power	Fri	28.4.00	☐

option 3+4

Membership Application Form

Please note **ALL SEASON PASS PURCHASES** include a **FREE MEMBERSHIP**. If you have purchased a Season Pass do not fill out the Membership section below

Membership Type	Price	Quantity Required	Amount
MIX 106-5 FM 'Club Spirit'	$45.00		
9inety6ix.1 'Club H' Under 17 as at 31/12/99 ie born on or after 31/12/83	$25.00		
(Conditions of membership apply)	TOTAL		$

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Membership

All memberships MIX 106-5 FM 'Club Spirit' & 9inety6ix.1 'Club H' must be made payable to Northern Spirit FC Pty Ltd only.

I enclose a cheque or money order made payable to Northern Spirit FC Pty Ltd for amount of $_____ **OR**

I hereby authorise **Northern Spirit** to debit my nominated credit card for the total amount of $_____

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Card Number: ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Name on card: _____ ID NUMBER ☐☐☐☐ (AMEX only)

Signature _____

Season Pass and 8 Game Spirit Pass

(Please note if you wish to sit in a particular group, all applications must be attached together.)

All Season Passes and 8 Game Spirit Passes must be made payable to Ticketek Pty Ltd only.

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I hereby authorise Ticketek to debit my nominated credit card for the total amount of $_____

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Signature _____

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No reward for our early domination

by Spirit's Phil Moss

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2
NORTHERN SPIRIT 0
at Bob Jane Stadium, Sunday October 10, 1999

The scoreline and the destroyer – South's striker Michael Curcija – returned to haunt us on Sunday, despite yet another scintillating performance by the Spirit in foreign territory.

Coach Graham Arnold's troops tore apart the back-to-back and Oceania Club champions in the opening 45 minutes and then enjoyed another mountain of possession after the break.

If it wasn't skipper Robbie Slater terrorising Fausto De Amicis down the right side, it was his partner-in-crime Matt "Puppy" Langdon firing in threatening crosses from the left. Langdon backed up his promising first-round effort against Sydney United with another polished display.

Both were reaping the rewards of some magic passing displays by Ian Crook, in the side to replace the suspended Robbie Enes.

New signing David Seal had two golden opportunities with his head, while Clayton Zane turned his defender and shot low, only to bring out a good save from South's 'keeper Chris Jones, to leave Spirit with naught to show for their first-half dominance. It was a case of one chance, one goal for the home side midway through the opening 45 minutes. Paul Trimboli played in a delightful far-post ball for Curcija to pounce, leaving Spirit custodian Paul Henderson stranded.

Arnold used the half-time break wisely, pumping his charges up for the second period. "That was close to the best 45 minutes of football I have seen this side play," he told the lads.

"To come here and completely outplay the champions is a great effort ^ we just have to learn to transform that into goals and points."

The second half, however, couldn't have started any worse for the visitors, with Souths going 2-0 up in the 47th minute via that man Curcija, despite seemingly justified calls for offside.

Midfield tyro Paul Bilokapic had probably the best of the second half chances, when he saw his header sail just over the crossbar. Troy Cranney worked tirelessly and is close to recapturing peak fitness after 12 months on the sidelines.

Overall, the performance gave the Spirit camp plenty of confidence, while also that dreaded "what if" syndrome on the flight home.

That's the Spirit!

SYDNEY UNITED 0
NORTHERN SPIRIT 2

at Sensor Park, Sydney

It didn't take our boys too long to gear up for the new season. After an uneventful first half, in which both teams strove to find their footballing legs, Spirit showed precious little respect for last year's Grand Finalists.

Captain **Robbie Slater** and debut-striker **David Seal** both struck home in a second half that Spirit dominated to take the full compliment of points from the first game of the new season. The uncertain start to the game was matched by the glowering afternoon weather and the almost-silent home supporters.

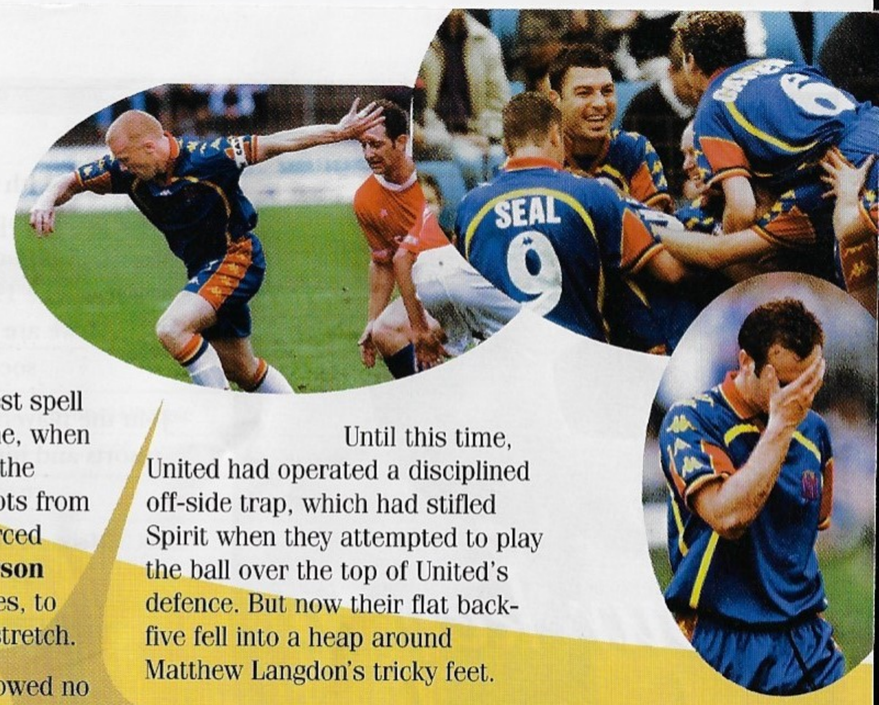
Spirit's small but boisterous crowd contingent soon gave a lift to precedings with their own brand of humour: "You've only come to see the Spirit!", they chanted to the non-plussed remainder of the 5,023 attendance.

On the field, **Robbie Enes** and **Mark Rudan** worked well deep in their own half to break down United's approach-play, and won the majority of midfield battles. The home side's best spell came leading up to half-time, when they looked threatening on the break. Several powerful shots from outside the penalty area forced Spirit 'keeper **Paul Henderson** into two brilliant reflex saves, to parry the ball away at full-stretch.

After the interval, Spirit showed no mercy against a depleted Sydney United team - hit by the mass-defections of player-coach Dave Mitchell and the majority of their playing staff in the off-season. While United's new blood struggled with accuracy of crossing in attack and sense of positioning of the back, **Matthew Langdon** punished some naive defending.

His burst of speed down the left flank were to prove the undoing of United and his pinpoint crosses lead to both Spirit's goals.

Early in the second half Langdon took the ball into United's area, where his cross found the unmarked Slats, who drilled his shot home just inside the left-hand post.



Until this time, United had operated a disciplined off-side trap, which had stifled Spirit when they attempted to play the ball over the top of United's defence. But now their flat back-five fell into a heap around Matthew Langdon's tricky feet.

The first goal-move was repeated 10 minutes later - this time, Langdon's chip from deep in the United penalty area found Sealy, who beat the United keeper and a defender to the ball, to head into back of the net from a couple of metres out.

The travelling Spirit fans went into raptures. "Two-nil to the Spirit boys," they sang, as the celebrations got underway.

Robbie Enes received a second yellow card, and sending off, for abuse of the referee towards the end of the game. But there was no stopping Spirit now.

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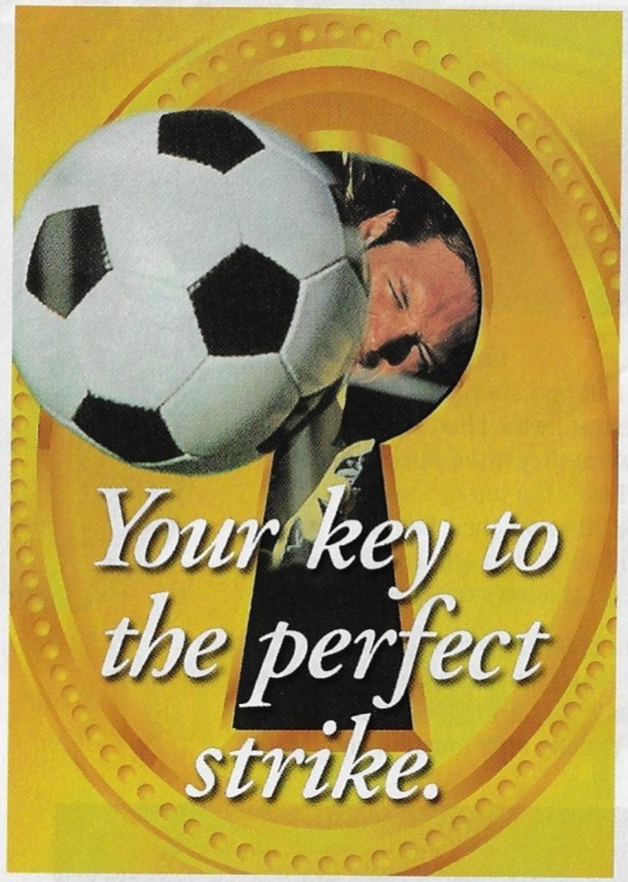

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Monday October 4th	1.		Sydney United	0-2	Seal, Slater	5,023
Sunday October 10th	2.		South Melbourne	2-0		

DATE	ROUND	HOME	AWAY	KICK-OFF	VENUE
Friday October 15th	3.	Newcastle Breakers		7.30pm	
Saturday October 23rd	4.		Brisbane Strikers	7pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Friday October 29th	5.	Sydney Olympic		7.30pm	
Sunday November 7th	6.		Wollongong Wolves	6.30pm	Brandon Park
Saturday November 13th	7.		Marconi	7pm	Marconi Stadium
Friday November 19th	8.	Auckland Kingz		7.30pm	
Saturday November 27th	9.		Gippsland Falcons	7pm	Falcons Stadium
Friday December 3rd	10.	Marconi		7.30pm	
Sunday December 12th	11.		Melbourne Knights	6pm	Knights Stadium
Friday December 17th	12.	Adelaide Force		7.30pm	
Tuesday December 28th	13.		Canberra Cosmos	7.30pm	Bruce Stadium
Sunday January 2nd	14.	Brisbane Strikers		7.30pm	
Friday Januuary 7th	15.	Sydney United		7.30pm	
Friday January 14th	16.	Perth Glory		7.30pm	
Friday January 21st	17.		Carlton	7.30pm	Olympic Park
Wednesday January 26th	18.	Carlton		7.30pm	
Friday January 28th	19.		Parramatta Power	7.30pm	Parramatta Stadium
Friday February 4th	20.	South Melbourne		7.30pm	
Friday February 11th	21.	Newcastle Breakers		7.30pm	Breakers Stadium
Friday February 18th	22.	Brisbane Strikers		7.30pm	
Sunday February 27th	23.		Sydney Olympic	6.30pm	Belmore Oval
Friday March 3rd	24.	Wollongong Wolves		7.30pm	
Friday March 10th	25.	Marconi		7.30pm	
Friday March 17th	26.		Auckland Kingz	7.30pm	North Harbour Stadium
Friday March24th	27.	Gippsland Falcons		7.30pm	
Sunday April 2nd	28.		Marconi	6pm	Marconi Stadium
Friday April 7th	29.	Melbourne Knights		7.30pm	
Friday April 14th	30.		Adelaide Force	8pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Thursday April 20th	31.	Canberra Cosmos		7.30pm	
Tuesday April 25th	32.		Brisbane Strikers	7pm	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Friday April 28th	33.	Parramatta Power		7.30pm	
Sunday May 7th	34.		Perth Glory	3pm	Perth Oval

HOME: All home games will take place at North Sydney Oval, unless notified otherwise
AWAY: Travel arrangements to games can be made through the Northern Spirit Supporters Club (Infoline tel: 8250 4004).